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Design's Dazzling Display

▶ HERBST & FESTIVAL PAVILIONS

Celebrities, high-profile designers, cutting-edge fashion, fine food, dance, and special music performances are part of Macy's Passport, a dynamic two-day benefit to fight HIV/AIDS, beginning Wednesday, September 19 at Fort Mason Center's Herbst and Festival Pavilions.

For the past quarter century Macy's Passport has showcased the work of internationally acclaimed fashion designers. During that time it has raised $25 million for HIV/AIDS organizations in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

This Silver Anniversary runway show features the latest fall looks from Calvin Klein, Marc Ecko's Cut & Sew, Levi Strauss & Co., Epic Threads, Via Spiga, MAC VIVA Glam, and many more. The evening's finale features a dazzling array of one-of-a-kind silver fashions, created exclusively for Macy's Passport by Anna Sui, Elie Tahari, Hugo Boss, Kenneth Cole, Michael Kors, Stuart Weitzman, Sweetface by Jennifer Lopez, Tracy Reese, and more.

Macy's Passport see 9/19 "Ring of Fire" 2006 PHOTO: DREW ALTIZER

For more information about Macy's Passport 2007 and the Gala, check the September 19 calendar listing. — *RT*

Sacred Steel & Blues Fusion

▶ GREAT MEADOW, UPPER FORT MASON

Robert Randolph & The Family Band see 9/29

The 35th annual San Francisco Blues Festival wails into town at the end of September with an all-star lineup in the Great Meadow just outside the entrance to Fort Mason Center. The 2007 event offers an impressive array of blues styles, including gospel-infused "sacred steel" music, top Bay Area bands, and a showcase of female blues guitarists.

The two-day festival swings into high gear with a soulful review on Saturday featuring Chicago blues, boogie woogie piano, and acoustic folk blues. The afternoon heats up when local favorite Tommy Castro takes the stage, followed by the headliner Robert Randolph and the Family Band. Randolph comes from a long tradition of sacred steel artists — pedal steel guitarists performing at African American Pentecostal church services.

Sunday cranks up even earlier in the day with the Blues Guitar Women Showdown first on the bill, followed by a blues harmonica tribute and local legends Ron Hacker and the Hacksaws. Additional acts bring together musicians from California's Central Valley and the United Kingdom. A phenomenal blues revival unites contemporary blues artist Joe Louis Walker with figures from the early days of West Coast blues — Sugar Pie DeSanto and Jimmy McCracklin.

The festival wraps with a 35th anniversary bash including New Orleans keyboard great Allen Toussaint, guitarist John Hammond, and Charlie Musselwhite. If that's not enough blues for you, the festival continues with a Blues Festival film series at the Roxie Film Center in San Francisco's Mission District.

Get your blues on at the 35th San Francisco Blues Festival. See September 29 for details and go to www.sfblues.com for a complete schedule and more information about the artists, the film series, and the free waterfront kick-off concert on Friday, September 28. — *Claudia Willen*

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Fort Mason Center's Mission

To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

Art International SF

▶ HERBST PAVILION

Fine Art comes to Fort Mason Center for a weekend in September. Art International San Francisco begins with a Gala Preview on Thursday, the 27th and continues through Sunday. The event features American, European, Pacific Rim, and California Art that appeals to both seasoned art collectors and new audiences.

The work on exhibit includes Post WWII-Modernist, Post Impressionism, Impressionism-Realism, Romanticism-Neoclassicism, and Baroque-Renaissance. Attendees find paintings, sculpture, works on paper, fine prints, and photography. Kathleen Avery Fine Art, Koplin Del Rio Gallery, and Robert Simon Fine Art are among the exhibitors. Also showing are several Los Angeles galleries including Papillon Gallery specializing in Modern Art and Adamson-Duvannes Galleries showing 18th, 19th and 20th Century American and European Paintings.

Encouraging personal contact with the large groups of diverse exhibitors is part of the event's philosophy, according to the show's producers.

The Gala Preview begins at 7pm. See September 27 in the calendar for details.

For more information on featured galleries and artists, visit www.artinternationalfair.com/sf.htm. — *BG*

FORT MASON CENTER AT A GLANCE

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VISIT FORT MASON ONLINE

www.fortmason.org For the latest information on events, classes and workshops, visit Fort Mason Center's web site. You'll have access to:

- Latest Event listings
- Links To FMC Residents' Web Sites
- Monthly E-Newsletter

RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

BEST BATS... The *San Francisco Bay Guardian's* 33rd "Best of the Bay" issue came out recently. **BATS Improv** repeated last year's double-header win — "Best Theater Company" and "Best First Date Spot." Congratulations to BATS and its successful 20-year-and-still-counting run. They didn't win "Best Couples Counselor." That accolade went to **Marriage Prep 101**, classes regularly taught by a husband and wife team at Fort Mason Center. Check our web site, www.fortmason.org, for more information on both.

PASSPORT TO POETRY... Mayor **Gavin Newsom**, three of San Francisco's past poet laureates and its current one were part of the first major **San Francisco International Art Festival** held at various venues around town, including **Jack Kerouac Alley**, the **Beat Museum**, **Caffé Trieste**, and **City Lights**. Current Poet Laureate **Jack Hirschman** was host. He shared the honors with past laureates **Lawrence Ferlinghetti**, **devorah major**, and **Janice Mirikitani**. The event was produced by the **City Of San Francisco**, the **San Francisco Public Library**, and the Center's longtime resident, **Friends Of The San Francisco Public Library**.

TEMPUS FUGIT...A quarter of a century ago at Fort Mason Center, the legendary **Magic Theatre** presented **Sam Shepard's** *Curse of the Starving Class*. **Curtis Salgado**, **Robert Cray**, and **Little Charlie & The Nightcats** performed at the **10th Annual SF Blues Festival** in the Great Meadow. Two decades ago at the 15th Annual SF Blues Festival **Rockin' Dopsie & His Zydeco Twisters** were featured along with **Memphis Slim**, **Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings**, **Roomful Of Blues**, and **Lady Bianca**. September of 1987 also saw **Feria de la Bahia: A Taste Of Mexico** — a huge folk art exhibition that included food and dance — in the Herbst Pavilion.

OTHER TEMPUS... In addition to the events listed in this issue of the *Monthly*, you can look forward to other great events coming later this fall. Among them are the **San Francisco Fall Antiques Show**, **Oktoberfest By the Bay**, in, — you guessed it, October — and the **Celebration Of Craftswomen** in November.

ODE TO A RECYCLING BIN... The work of art by **Hector Dio Mendoza** newly planted (reconstructed) in Building D is recycled from Styrofoam (see story on page 7). It couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Fort Mason Center has begun a serious "greening" effort. The first step, a comprehensive recycling program, began in the same month as the wonderfully symbolic installation. Incidentally, Mendoza who has done much fine art using discarded materials, is off to Yale to pursue his MFA. — *STAFF*

Big Book Bonanza

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Friends Of The San Francisco Public Library Big Book Sale see 9/26 PHOTO: AL GREENING

When book lovers line up outside the Festival Pavilion for the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library's (SFPL) Big Book Sale this September, it will be the 43rd time they have done so. Since 1964, the largely volunteer "Friends" organization has been sorting, packing, toting, and arranging thousands of books for what has become the largest book sale on the West Coast. Money raised supports and enriches programs in our public libraries.

The five-day extravaganza begins with a members-only reception and preview sale on Wednesday, September 26. Then for the next four days the sale is free and open to the public — until 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday and until 6 p.m. on Sunday, when all books are $1 or less.

More than 200,000 books in more than 50 categories are offered to the public at incredible savings. A popular option is the "Best of the Bay" section where bibliophiles can find rare collectibles, first editions, or the just plain unusual.

Last year's sale raised more than $250,000 for programs for the City's libraries. One of those programs is right here at Fort Mason Center. In August, Book Bay Bookstore began a series of free events with a lecture and book-signing by author Sheppard Kominars. This month — on September 13 — Ellen Sussman, editor of *Bad Girls: 26 Writers Misbehave*, appears with a lineup of some of her 26 "bad girl" writers in what promises to be a lively, entertaining evening.

Come join the throngs of book lovers, young and old and from every walk of life, at one of the most anticipated book sales of the year. Better yet, become a member of Friends of SFPL and attend the Wednesday evening reception and preview. See September 26 in the calendar for details on the sale and September 13 for details on the *Bad Girls: 26 Writers Misbehave* event. And visit www.friendssfpl.org for information about joining Friends of the SFPL. — *JR*

Dance, Dance, Dance...& Dance!

▶ COWELL THEATER

India Jazz Progressions see 9/28
Jason Samuels Smith PHOTO: CARL MCCLARTY

Dance dominates the Cowell stage this month. From September 8 to September 30, a different troupe takes the stage each weekend.

Flamenco as inspiration for life is the theme of **La Vida Flamenca**. On September 8, dancers Melissa Cruz and Fanny Ara are joined by singer Felix de Lola and musicians Jason McGuire and Sudhi Rajagopal. The collection of dance pieces expresses solitude and change, sadness and joy — all the elements of human life that embody and enrich us. See September 8 in the calendar for details.

The next weekend sees the return of **Collaboration! Dance & Music**. Bay Area choreographers team with local composers to create a dynamic combo of jazz, ballet, modern, and world fusion music and dance. *San Francisco Magazine* described last year's performance as "... a little like getting fed by Iron Chef: 11 teams of emerging choreographers, dancers, composers and musicians serve up their best efforts — and quick." This year 12 pairs collaborate to create an evening of cutting-edge performance that features more than 75 performers.

Collaboration! Dance and Music plays Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 14 to 16. See September 14 in the calendar for details.

Traditional, pure flamenco is the specialty of the Seville-based **Arte y Pureza** (Art and Purity) company. *Maestria* features seven company members, led by legendary singer-dancer Miguel Peña Vargas, known as "El Funi." El Funi takes the audience on a tour of Andalucía, Spain through improvisation and mastery of the oldest styles of gypsy song and dance. He is joined by world-class singers, dancers, and guitarists, including Spain's 2006 "Guitarist of the Year," Antonio Moya. See September 23 in the calendar for details.

Renowned Kathak artist Pandit Chitresh Das and Emmy-winning tap dancer Jason Samuels Smith re-team at the Cowell Theater for **India Jazz Progressions** the last weekend of the month. This is the second collaboration for the duo, who performed their *India Jazz Suites* at the Cowell Theater in November, 2005. That fusion of classical Indian dance with American jazz tap toured the US and India. While touring, Das and Smith developed new ideas that became the basis for *India Jazz Progressions*. The work is a continuation of their earlier partnership with the addition of group pieces that expand on the interaction of dancers, music, and dance forms. Selections from Das' latest work-in-progress, *Shabh*, are also on the program.

For details see September 28 in the calendar. — *JR*

La Vida Flamenca see 9/8
Melissa Cruz PHOTO: ANDY MOGG

Evolution, Consciousness & Wisdom

▶ HERBST PAVILION

Lofty topics and discussions abound at the two-day Wisdom Festival scheduled for mid-September in Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion. If you enjoy stimulating conversation and exploring the outer reaches of human endeavor, you don't want to miss this compelling and affordable event.

Participating thought leaders include Dan Millman, author of the recently filmed *Way of the Peaceful Warrior*, and Matthew and Terces Engelhart, founders of San Francisco's revolutionary raw food restaurant, Café Gratitude. Festival themes feature captivating content such as Future Wisdom, Wisdom of the Body (and Heart), Religious Wisdom, Ancient Mystery, and Modern Wisdom.

Love, enlightenment, and spiritual transcendence are among the important issues investigated at the Wisdom Festival. Spiritual leaders such as Vaishali, author of *You Are What You Love*, and relationship expert Kathryn Alice, author of *Love Will Find You*, offer unique insights on how to add love to the wisdom equation.

Strength, health, and vitality are essential aspects for developing wisdom and higher consciousness. The Engelharts share their perspectives on building healthy communities through sustainable raw cuisine, as described in the new book — *I Am Grateful: Recipes and Lifestyle of Café Gratitude*. Keynote speaker Dan Millman once trained as a gymnast for the Olympics and now inspires others through his books and motivational workshops.

In addition to 85 speakers, the festival provides space for 75 exhibitors presenting the latest products for healthy conscious living. Also on the schedule are a deeksha transmission by Sri Rani-ji of Oneness University, a three-hour intensive session on Kabbalah wisdom, and the Third Annual International Aura Symposium.

Expand your horizons and open your mind to a universe of possibilities at the Wisdom Festival. See September 15 for more information and visit www.wisdomfestival.com for details about the speakers, exhibits, and festival themes. — *Claudia Willen*

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SEPT CALENDAR 2007

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SATURDAY 1

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE adm Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe kicks off the month w/a "James Bond Movie" & then presents two weekends of the ever-popular "Spontaneous Broadway." "Hitchcock Thriller" & the "News Show" weekends follow. Each Sunday, BATS' advanced students perform as the Sunday Players. 8/31-9/30 Fri&Sat 8pm Sun 7pm $20-$8 ($18-$5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

James Bond Movie 8/31&9/1 Fri&Sat
Spontaneous Broadway 9/7-15 Fri& Sat
Hitchcock Thriller 9/21&22 Fri&Sat
The News Show 9/28-10/5 Fri&Sat
Sunday Players 9/2-30 Sun

The Joan Rivers Theatre Project A workshop presentation of an autobiographical work starring the incomparable comedienne & TV host. 8/22-9/2 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30&7pm $40-$25 Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

SUNDAY 2

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
Joan Rivers Theatre Project see 9/1

MONDAY 3

Labor Day Fort Mason Center main office is closed.

TUESDAY 4

See Ongoing Programs

WEDNESDAY 5

Artists' Reception "Paintings & Works On Paper by Lorene Anderson, Becky Busi & Jen Garrido." 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

THURSDAY 6

See Ongoing Programs

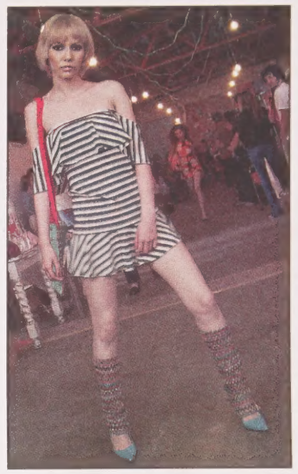
FRIDAY 7

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

SATURDAY 8

History Of The Kneass Boatworks Mark Kneass tells the story of the company founded by his great-grandfather in 1874. From old-time whalers, otter boats, patrol boats, schooners & more to modern-day lifeboats & salmon boats, Kneass Boatworks built more than 5,000 craft in its 96-year history. The boatworks closed in 1970. 6pm $5 res req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 561-7040

● **Expedition 6** Magic Theatre launches its 2007-2008 Season of New Plays w/this world premiere created & directed by acclaimed actor, director & producer Bill Pullman. The docudrama explores the personal & political crises facing two American astronauts & a Russian cosmonaut stranded in space after the Columbia Shuttle disaster. Presented in association



THREAD Show see 9/22

India Jazz Progressions Pandit Chitresh Das see 9/28-30 PHOTO: MARTY SOHL

w/Chabot Space & Science Center. Previews 9/8-14 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm Run of the Show 9/15-10/7 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30&7pm $45-$20 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

La Vida Flamenca Artistic Director & Principal Dancer Melissa Cruz directs an evening of innovative flamenco dance that features dancer Fanny Ara, singer Felix de Lola, guitarist Jason McGuire, & percussionist Sudhi Rajagopal. This Azahar Dance Foundation production is an "In Performance Series" recipient. 8pm $29-$18 Cowell Theater www.azahardance.org (415) 345-7575

Alcoholics Anonymous see 9/1
Exploring The Spiritual Life see 9/1
● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

SUNDAY 9

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
Food Addicts In Recovery see 9/2
● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

MONDAY 10

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TUESDAY 11

See Ongoing Programs

Arte y Puerza Flamenco see 9/23

Art International SF Contemporary sculpture see 9/27-30 BY: CURT BRILL

WEDNESDAY 12

Astrology Lecture "Uranus Intensive" w/Steve Forrest. 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

THURSDAY 13

Bad Girls: 26 Writers Misbehave A talk & book-signing w/Ellen Sussman, editor of the *Bad Girls...* book & some of her 26 "Bad Girls." 6:30pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org (415) 771-1076

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

FRIDAY 14

Collaboration! Dance & Music 2007 A showcase celebrating the collaborative works of 12 pairs of choreographers & composers. The eclectic styles range from traditional ballet, modern & jazz to non-traditional styles such as tap, hip-hop, butoh, kathak, aerial dance & belly dance. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 9/14-16 Fri&Sat 8pm Sun 2pm $20-$17 Cowell Theater www.collaborationdancemusic.org (415) 345-7575

● **Dark Dining SF** Enjoy a three-course meal paired w/wine & beverages, savoring every bite because the tastes are richer by the removal of sight — you dine completely in the dark. Space is limited. Reserve early. Adults only. 9/14-28 Fri 7:30pm $95/each dinner FMC "Friends" $20 off w/mbrs card Bldg A www.sfdark.com (415) 263-6800

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

SATURDAY 15

Wisdom Festival A two-day conversation & celebration of wisdom & the development of a "Wisdom Culture" in the Bay Area & worldwide, with 75 exhibitors, 85 speakers, entertainment, the Wisdom Cafe & more. Keynote speakers include Dan Millman (*The Peaceful Warrior*) & James O'Dea (president IONS) among others. 9/15&16 Sat&Sun 10am-8pm $39/day ($59/2 days) Herbst Pavilion www.wisdomfestival.com (800) 367-5777

Psychic Healing Clinic Experience a basic energy healing with Psychic Horizons. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

Alcoholics Anonymous see 9/1
Exploring The Spiritual Life see 9/1
● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
● **Expedition 6** see 9/8
Collaboration! see 9/14

SUNDAY 16

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
Food Addicts In Recovery see 9/2
● **Expedition 6** see 9/8
Collaboration! see 9/14
Wisdom Festival see 9/15

MONDAY 17

See Ongoing Programs

TUESDAY 18

See Ongoing Programs

WEDNESDAY 19

Macy's Passport 2007 Macy's & American Express team up for the annual fashion extravaganza to raise money for HIV/AIDS charities. The show features the best of Macy's & the latest fall looks from Calvin Klein, Marc Ecko, Levi's, Epic Threads™, Via Spiga, MAC VIVA Glam & more. The finale of this 25th Anniversary event is a dazzling array of one-of-a-kind silver fashions created exclusively for Macy's Passport by some of today's hottest designers, including Anna Sui, Calvin Klein, Elie Tahari, Hugo Boss, Kenneth Cole, Michael Kors, Stuart Weitzman, Sweetface by Jennifer Lopez, Tommy Hilfiger, Tracy Reese & more. 9/19&20 Wed 6pm (American Express Evening) $85, Thur 5:30pm (Gala Evening) $1000-$85 Herbst & Festival Pavilions www.macys.com (800) 334-6158

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

THURSDAY 20

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8
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FRIDAY 21

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1
● **Expedition 6** see 9/8
● **Dark Dining SF** see 9/14

SATURDAY 22

Great SF Crystal Fair Get a massage, have your aura read & select from 40 vendors of crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry & metaphysical healing tools at this dazzling fair. 9/22&23 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm $5 (under 12 FREE w/adult) Bldg A www.crystalfair.com (415) 383-7837

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SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

● **THREAD Show** Demanding fashionistas can find cutting-edge looks & one-of-a-kind pieces at this one-day showcase for emerging fashion designers. Music, art, gift bags & cocktails are all part of the event. Noon-6pm $7 ($5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Herbst Pavilion www.threadshow.com (323) 662-0020

● **Charlie & The Chocolate Factory** All your favorite characters are here in this Young Performers Theatre production: Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregard, Veruca Salt — & of course Charlie. 9/22-10/14 Sat 1pm, Sun 1&3:30pm $9-$6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Alcoholics Anonymous see 9/1

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 9/1

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

SUNDAY 23

Arte y Pureza Flamenco The Seville-based company presents *Maestría*, a presentation of traditional, pure flamenco featuring the legendary singer-dancer Miguel Peña Vargas ("El Funi") plus singers, dancers & guitarists including Antonio Moya, Spain's 2006 "Guitarist of the Year." 6pm $75-$30 Cowell Theater www.flamencofestivalsf.com (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

Food Addicts In Recovery see 9/2

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

Great SF Crystal Fair see 9/22

● **Charlie & The Chocolate Factory** see 9/22

MONDAY 24

Destination Imagination A presentation about this creative problem-solving competition for students that builds creativity & teamwork in enjoyable & meaningful ways. 7-8pm FREE adm Bldg C www.idodi.org (408) 738-4471

TUESDAY 25

See Ongoing Programs

WEDNESDAY 26

43rd Annual Big Book Sale The annual sale benefiting the city's libraries features more than 200,000 donated volumes. This fundraiser by the Friends of the SF Public Library offers quality books of every type at fantastic prices. 9/26-30 Members' Preview 9/26 Wed 4-8pm (Join-at-the-door $35), public sale 9/27-30 Thur-Sat 10am-8pm Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm Festival Pavilion www.friendssfpl.org (415) 626-7500

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

THURSDAY 27

Art International A fine art fair featuring American, European, Pacific Rim & California art from the Old Masters to the Twenty-first Century, including paintings, sculpture, works on paper, fine prints & photography. The fair opens w/a Gala Preview. 9/27-30 Gala 9/27 Thur 7-10pm $75, Fair 9/28-30 Fri Noon-8pm Sat 11am-8pm Sun 11am-6pm $15 Herbst Pavilion www.artinternationalfair.com (310) 287-1896

SF Astrological Society "Astro-Preneur: Do You Have What It Takes To Create A Successful Astrology Practice?" w/Nicki Michaels. 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

Big Book Sale see 9/26

FRIDAY 28

India Jazz Progressions Renowned Kathak artist Pandit Chitresh Das & Emmy-winning tap dancer Jason Samuels Smith re-team for this fusion of classical Indian dance with American jazz tap. The dancers build on their earlier *India Jazz Suites* with the addition of group pieces that expand on the interaction of dancers, music & dance forms. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 9/28-30 Fri-Sun 8pm $35-$23 Cowell Theater www.kathak.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

● **Dark Dining SF** see 9/14

Big Book Sale see 9/26

Art International see 9/27

SATURDAY 29

35th Annual SF Blues Festival The oldest blues festival in the world celebrates its 35th anniversary with two days of spectacular music. This year's lineup includes some of the best-known names in blues, including Allen Toussaint, John Hammond, Charlie Musselwhite & many, many more. 9/29&30 Sat&Sun 11am-6pm $40 ($35 adv) $55/2-day (adv only), reserved lawn $50, $80/2-day (adv only) Great Meadow at Upper Fort Mason www.sfblues.com (415) 421-8497

SF Blues Festival Allen Toussaint see 9/29&30 PHOTO: LEE CRUM

Art With Elders Gala Celebrate the work of emerging senior artists at this 16th annual event, a benefit for the Art For Elders program that offers frail elders in long-term care facilities the opportunity to explore latent artistic talent. More than 90 pieces of art are on display. A buffet dinner & music complete the evening. 6-8:30pm $100-$25 Herbst International Exhibition Hall (Moraga & Montgomery Sts. in the Presidio) www.eldergivers.org (415) 441-2649

Art For Angels Art & wine benefit that celebrates local artists & winemakers while raising money for research on the cause, treatment & cure for Angelman Syndrome (AS), a rare genetic disorder. Children w/AS are non-verbal & can never live independently, but these "angels" are extremely loving & affectionate w/lots of laughter & smiles. 7-10pm $55 ($45 adv) Bldg A www.asf-wac.org (877) 895-6826

Alcoholics Anonymous see 9/1

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 9/1

● **BATS Improv** see 9/1

● **Expedition 6** see 9/8

● **Charlie & The Chocolate Factory** see 9/22

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore

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43rd Annual Big Book Sale see 9/26

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Museo ItaloAmericano: Emerging Artists — Four Photographers
"La Nostra Famiglia" BY: JUSTINE BIANCO

chronicling more than 10 years of photographic exploration. The vibrantly colored or starkly black & white images range in style from the traditional to the experimental. 7/23-8/31 www.adammoore.com

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Museo ItaloAmericano

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Emerging Artists — Four Photographers Justine Bianco, Nino Lombardo, Claudio Cambon & Susanna Lucia Lamaina are the photographers showing work in this exhibit. The pieces range from Lamaina's warmly traditional "Portraits of Italy" to Cambon's stark & dramatic "A Ship's Biology" series. The latter narrates the dismantling of the beached *SS Minole* in Bangladesh and the lives of the Bangladeshi "ship-breakers" who earn their livelihoods in the ship salvaging business. The high drama of the America's Cup race is captured by photo journalist Nino Lombardo, while Justine Bianco melds vintage and modern photos to create a personal, family history — "Connecting Stories: A Journey to Vasto." 7/31-9/30

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Charlie & The Chocolate Factory See 9/22

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As a national and international champion in Tai Chi Forms and Push Hands, Ma was a member and winner on the first team to represent the U.S. in China in 1988. He received his MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1983 and is a well-known contemporary artist. As a world-class archer, Ma was California State Champion and competed at the Olympic level.

For more information see Classes & Workshops or call (650) 755-2661. —*BG*

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couple includes refreshments, catered lunch, workbooks & novelties. Bldg C www.marriage prep101.com (415) 905-8830

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CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus Art 160 B/C Ceramics PHOTO: JANICE TONG

Illustrator Day Workshop presented by the Northern California Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators. 9/29 Sat 9am-4pm $105 + $14/lunch +$50/portfolio review Bldg C www.scbwinorca.org (510) 232-9428

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SF Children's Art Center see Children's classes-

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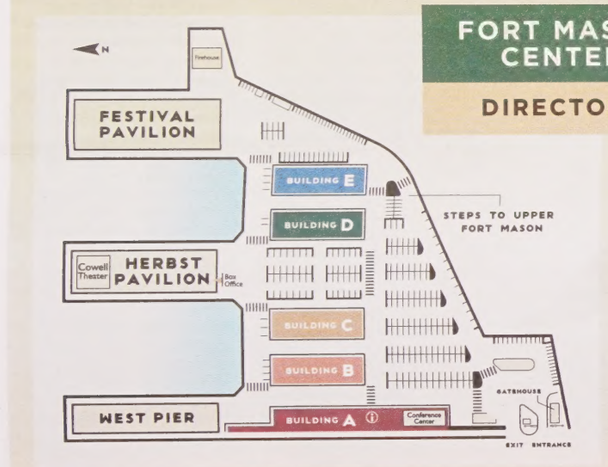

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FMC RESIDENTS

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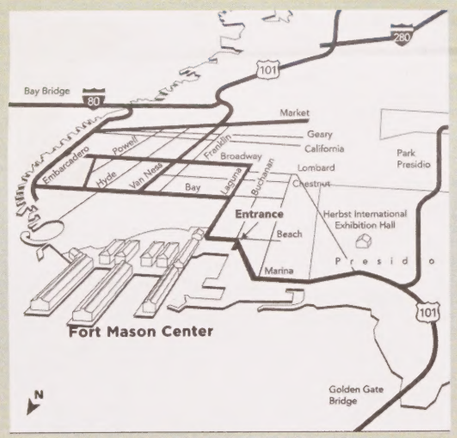

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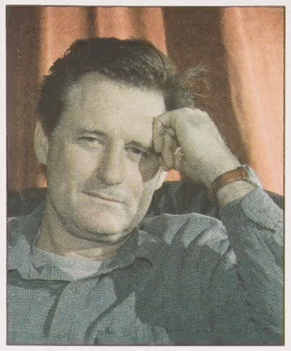
Magic Launches Space Play In A New Season Of Premieres



Expedition 6 Bill Pullman

The Crowd You're In With Rebecca Gilman & Amy Glazer PHOTO: MARY V. MARSH

Magic Theatre's artistic director Chris Smith called it "part docudrama, part modern dance, part trapeze performance...." The world premiere of Bill Pullman's *Expedition 6* launches Saturday, September 8. The play also launches a season of new plays including premieres by Edna O'Brien, Rebecca Gilman, and Wendy MacLeod.

Meanwhile, acclaimed stage and screen actor Pullman has pulled together Magic's first play, based on the writing of astronauts, NASA reports, and other materials to explore "the personal and political life-and-death crisis of two American astronauts and a Russian cosmonaut stranded in space after the Columbia Shuttle disaster."

"I'm intrigued to use authentic texts for *Expedition 6*," Pullman said, "to channel the flood of voices heard around national events like the loss of the Columbia, the invasion of Iraq, and the rescue of stranded astronauts." He is also inspired by the actors who evolve "...their own authenticity as they channel the physical and mental contortions of our tricky, authenticity-starved times."

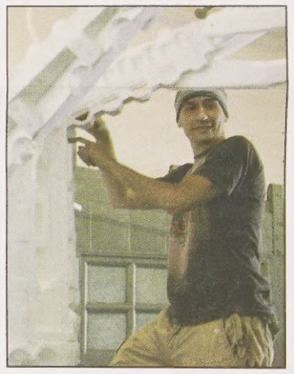
In addition to film acting work like *Igby Goes Down* and such theatre work as the premiere of Edward Albee's *The Goat*, Pullman directs as well. He directed TNT's movie, *The Virginian* and the anthology TV series *Night Visions*. With his new Magic play, he is both creator and director.

Expedition 6 is done in association with Chabot Space & Science Center. Ticket holders for performances on September 15-17 have access to an educational exhibition on space travel in Building D's main floor, presented by the W Foundation.

Every play in Magic Theatre's 2007-08 season is a world premiere — and a mix of work from veteran and emerging playwrights. Following *Expedition 6* is *The Crowd You're In With*, about modern families, written by Rebecca Gilman and directed by Amy Glazer. An historic thriller *Territories*, by Betty Shamieh and directed by Jessica Heidt opens early in the new year. Edna O'Brien's lush dialogue is a force in *Tír na nÓg*, directed by Chris Smith. It opens in February. Five chimps in an HIV research lab are featured in April's *Monkey Room*, by Kevin Fisher and directed by Mark Routhier. And Wendy MacLeod's witty *Birnham Woods*, directed by Chris Smith, is the May-June premiere offering.

For more information check September 8 in the calendar or visit www.magictheatre.com. *—RT*

A Tree Grows In Building D



Hector Dio Mendoza
PHOTO: BRADFORD GREGORY

The old saying that "one man's trash is another man's treasure" is exemplified by the installation of artist Hector Dio Mendoza's 15-foot plastic foam tree — a piece the *New York Times* called "a work of haunting, austere beauty...."

Without mincing words, the "Tree" emerged from materials from a garbage dump and came about through an artist-in-residence program at San Francisco Recycling & Disposal, Inc., a subsidiary of Norcal Waste Systems.

Mendoza, who participated in that program in 2005, worked with non-biodegradable materials and hopes that his art raises awareness of the long-term problems caused by plastics and Styrofoam.

"Conceptually," he said, "I am utilizing the tree as the main icon and as a metaphor for the fragility of our natural environment." *—RT*

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Development Through Exploration At The San Francisco Children's Art Center

Operations Manager Molly Campbell and lead teacher Gail Tarantino
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Each semester roughly 100 children attend classes at the San Francisco Children's Art Center. Lead teacher Gail Tarantino was quick to point out that while there are classes and workshops, "the Center is not an art school," at least not in the traditional sense. It is a place for children 22 months to 12 years to engage in creative thinking and develop their minds.

Instead of setting a bowl of fruit on the table and asking the students to draw or paint it, Tarantino explained, they provide the materials and— as their mission explains — "empower children through creative exploration" to develop their own art.

"Being curious and playful are human impulses," she said, "and innovation comes from that."

As a teacher, she is careful not to bring an adult agenda to her work with students. And, she said, it's important to help parents understand that kind of thinking as well. The purpose of the center is to stimulate thinking and help the students explore their own thoughts and explain their own work.

"You might say that's a lovely elephant," Tarantino said, "but it may not be an elephant after all." Tarantino suggests that parents create a dialogue with their children and give the child a chance to give his or her own viewpoint. The teachers are careful not to impose their own aesthetic views and encourage the parents to do the same.

Operations manager and board member Molly Campbell says that attendance is ramping up again. Families, who left the Bay Area because it was no longer a family-friendly city or because of the dot.com bust, seem to be coming back. Enrollment is up. At some point they would like to expand their existing studio so that they could have a space for younger students and another for the older ones.

Are their students coming from neighborhoods around Fort Mason Center? "Our appeal is city wide," Campbell said, "but certainly many come from the Marina and other nearby neighborhoods."

Both Campbell and Tarantino came to the San Francisco Children's Art Center with highly relevant backgrounds — Campbell in art and education and Tarantino as a fine arts major who came originally as a volunteer after seeing an exhibit of children's art.

Classes cover a broad range of media and materials. Collage, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, clay, and photography are offered. And the ratio of students to teacher is usually two to one, which provides a lot of individual attention. Classes might last an hour and a half and workshops from three to four hours.

The Center also conducts classes at family shelters throughout the city as part of its community outreach program and offers its studio for "art birthday parties" for children.

"When children are supported in the exploration and expression of their own ideas," Tarantino said, "they grow, and so does the picture of the world." — *RT*

INFO BOX

SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN'S ART CENTER

DESCRIPTION

The San Francisco Children's Art Center has nourished and inspired the creativity of Bay Area youth. Their mission is to empower children and foster their sense of self through exploration of the artistic process. As they discover this process, and the creative power within themselves, students learn to view the world as a place filled with possibilities, one where they can shape and express their own vision.

LOCATION
Building C, First Floor

HOURS
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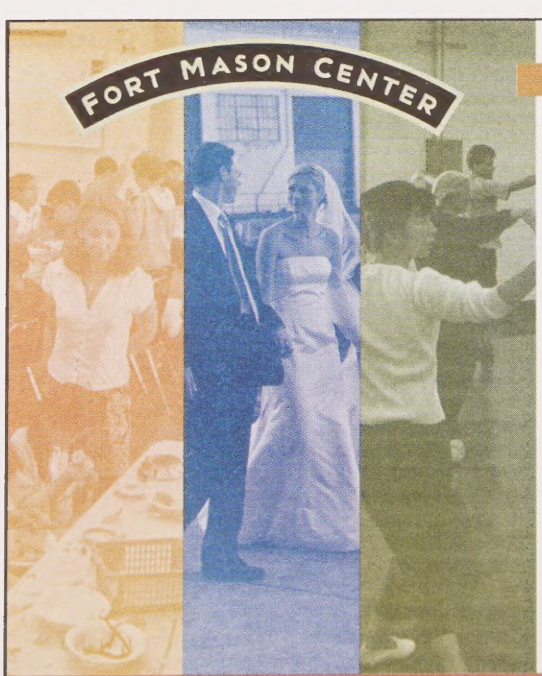

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